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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF LEXAN-AMERICAN EMBASSY LUSAKA

NAIROBI FOR RSO; LUSAKA FOR PSO; ADDIS FOR RTC

REF: NAIROBI 2052

1. RECAPITULATING CA 7405, 1/2" LEXAN WILL DEFEAT MULTIPLE
HIT 9MM WHEN COUPLED WITH 1/4" SAFETY GLASS; SINGLE HIT 9MM
WITH 1/4" TEMPERED GLASS; .38 SPCL AND .45 AUTO WHEN USED
ALONE. YOU ARE CORRECT IN ALERTING LUSAKA TO INEFFECTIVE-
NESS AGAINST AK 47-TYPE RIFLE FIRE.

2. RE INSTALLATION OF LEXAN: LEXAN IS MORE SENSITIVE TO
CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY THAN MOST OTHER STANDARD
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. THEREFORE, THE USE OF INFLEXIBLE
FASTENINGS OR THROUGH BOLTING IS UNDESIRABLE DUE TO THE EX-
PANSION AND CONTRACTION CHARACTERISTICS OF LEXAN. LEXAN
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MAY BE MOUNTED DIRECTLY OVER GLASS WITHOUT THE USE OF A SE-

CURE FRAME. HOWEVER, THE GLAZER MUST BE COGNIZANT OF THE
ABOVE-MENTIONED CAVEAT. KISSINGER

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